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From: Chief of Naval Operations  
Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: To All Ships and Stations

Subj: MOBILE MEDICAL AUGMENTATION READINESS TEAM (MMART)  
PROGRAM

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 6440.6  
(b) NWP 4-02.5  
(c) NWP 1-03.3  
(d) Joint Travel Regulations, paragraph M3004

1. Purpose. To issue policy for the Mobile Medical Augmentation Readiness Team (MMART) Program. This instruction is a major revision and must be read in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 6440.1B and OPNAV Report Symbols 6440-1 through 5.

3. Background. Reference (a) implements MMART program procedures. Reference (b) dictates that MMART shall provide rapid, short-term medical augmentation for crisis response scenarios. The MMART Program shall include teams with associated material support packages to be task organized, requirements driven, and ready to deploy to provide augmentation in the following capacities:

- a. For Fleet and Fleet Marine Force (FMF) operational and contingency deployments.
- b. For shore based medical treatment facilities (MTF) following a continental limits of the United States (CONUS) or outside continental limits of the United States (OCONUS) disaster emergency response.
- c. For missions along the entire spectrum of operations to include humanitarian assistance.

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4. Definitions. The following definitions apply for command and control functions:

- a. Requesting Command. The organization or activity which originates the requirements for MMART support.
- b. Supported Command. The organization or activity which receives and supports the functions of MMART personnel and MMART supply support medical material blocks.
- c. Supporting Command. The medical activity responsible for manning and maintaining MMART and associated material blocks in a readiness state.
- d. Operational Control. The authority delegated to a commander to direct forces assigned so the commander may accomplish a specific mission or tasks usually limited by function, time, or location; to deploy units; and to retain or assign tactical control of those units. It does not include authority to assign separate employment of components of the units, or administrative or logistic control.
- e. Administrative Control. Direction of authority over subordinate or other organizations in respect to administrative matters, including personnel management, supply services, and other matters not included in the operational missions of subordinate or other organizations.
- f. Authorized Minimum Medical Allowance List (AMMAL) (Afloat Only). AMMAL is all supplies and equipment required in support of any operational unit. The supplies and equipment are based on the unit's mission as dictated by the required operational capability/project operational environment (ROC/POE).
- g. Supply Blocks (For CONUS/OCONUS Field Support Missions Only). Sets, kits, and outfits comprised of minor equipment, durable, and consumable medical materiel designed and assembled to support the team's primary mission objectives. The supply blocks are designed to augment existing capabilities and are not stand alone provisions.

5. MMART Organization. MMART teams are designed to be small, task organized, flexible units that can be easily expanded to respond to specific taskings.

- a. Special Psychiatric Rapid Intervention Team (MMART-SPRINT). The MMART-SPRINT provides short-term mental health and emotional support immediately after a disaster with the goal of preventing long-term medical psychiatric dysfunction or disability. The team may provide educational and consultative services to local supporting agencies for long-term problem resolution.

b. Preventive Medicine/Vector Control Team (MMART-PREVMED). The MMART-PREVMED provides preventive medicine and vector control capability and may be task organized and deployed to assess, prevent, and control potential or actual health threats in support of deployed operating forces, humanitarian assistance, and/or disaster relief operations. The team is task organized for each specific mission.

c. Chemical/Biological Assessment Team (MMART-CBAT). The MMART-CBAT provides assessment capability and may be task organized and deployed in support of an operational or contingency requirement that has been affected by chemical or biological warfare (CW/BW) agent exposure. The MMART-CBAT may also be deployed to support humanitarian assistance or disaster response operations involving CW/BW agent involvement. (NOTE: MMART-PREVMED and MMART-CBAT are integral elements of the planned Forward Deployed Preventive Medicine Units and will become part of that platform upon its establishment, scheduled for FY04.)

d. Humanitarian Support Team (MMART-HST). The MMART-HST cares for non-combatant casualties or patients in response to migrant/refugee processing and support, natural disaster relief, non-combatant evacuation, and exposure to chemical or biological hazards. The MMART-HST is also available for enhancement of MTF capabilities.

## 6. Policy

a. MMART assets shall be maintained in a C-1 state of readiness as defined by reference (c), and be ready to deploy on short notice to meet operational or contingency requirements. Teams rotating off alert status will be allowed to drop to a C-3 status.

b. Forward request for MMART support to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) (N931) via the operational chain of command.

c. MMART deployments are temporary additional duty (TAD) and limited to less than 180 days as stated in reference (d). If the deployment will exceed 180 days, the requesting command shall seek guidance from higher authority for continued mission support.

d. Upon declaration of a national emergency or general/partial mobilization in support of an Operation Plan (OPLAN) execution, the MMART Program will be disestablished and its assets assimilated within the Medical Augmentation Program (MAP).

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e. Operational control of MMARTs resides with the commanding officer of the supported command, unless otherwise directed by the requesting command or higher authority.

f. Medical materiel supply support packages will meet operational and contingency requirements of the requesting command. Supply support materiel block configuration will be based on well-defined requirements. Requesting commands should allow sufficient lead-time to custom build the supply block(s) supporting the task-organized teams. Requirements-based block configurations preclude costly pre-positioning of assets and are adaptable to meet mission objectives in a changing operating environment. The custom-built supply blocks should move with the respective team(s) as they deploy.

g. MMART supply blocks are for the exclusive use of deployed teams to a CONUS/OCONUS field support mission. MMART blocks are not for use aboard Naval shipping. The ship's AMMAL is designed to provide support for missions established in the ROC/POE. However, in the event of full execution of an OPLAN while the MMART is deployed to an MTF, the materiel supply packages will be absorbed and considered part of the supported command's inventory.

h. The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) shall provide the requisite administrative maintenance and management of the MMARTs and associated medical materiel packages while deployed. Supported commander will assume, upon activation and arrival, the requisite support of each team as implied by having operational control.

i. Each MMART team leader shall submit a post-deployment critique (PDC) per reference (a), through his/her operational chain of command, to BUMED. BUMED shall then respond appropriately to the PDC, with a copy to CNO (N931) noting significant medical occurrences to include circumstances surrounding employment of medical materiel.

## 7. Responsibilities

### a. Chief of Naval Operations (N931)

(1) Serves as the resource sponsor and establishes policy for the MMART Program and supply blocks.

(2) Reviews and validates requests for MMART support.

(3) Directs Chief, BUMED to provide MMART resources in support of validated requirements.

### b. Fleet Commanders in Chief (CINCs)

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(1) Endorse and coordinate MMART request with CNO (N931) to maximize the use of available assets.

(2) Ensure clear definition of operational and administrative chains of command for MMARTs.

(3) Ensure subordinate commands endorse and respond to recommendations identified in the PDC. Forward recommendation for improvements to the MMART Program via the operational chain of command to BUMED (MED-27), with a copy to CNO (N931).

c. Requesting Command. Request MMART assistance by message to CNO (N931) via operational chain of command, with information copy to all concerned. At a minimum, the following information should be provided:

(1) The nature of the crisis situation and objective of MMART involvement.

(2) Type and number of MMART required.

(3) Proposed dates and locations of deployment.

(4) Proposed embarkation and debarkation points for blocks and teams.

(5) Supported command.

(6) Passport and visa requirements, if any.

(7) Reporting instructions.

(8) Local travel arrangements that the requesting or supported command will provide.

(9) Uniform or organizational equipment requirements.

(10) Funding information.

(11) Anticipated MMART concept of operations.

(12) Statement to supported command on MMART assets placement and integration with the mission.

(13) Any other pertinent information.

d. Supported Command

(1) Implement the MMART Program as identified per reference (a).

(2) Provide policies and procedures for required support upon activation of MMART.

(3) Endorse and coordinate MMART request with CINC, Component Command, and CNO (N931) to maximize the use of available assets.

(4) Ensure clear definition of operational and administrative chains of command for MMARTs.

(5) Ensure subordinate commands endorse and respond to recommendations identified in the PDC. Forward recommendations for improvements to the MMART Program via the operational chain of command to BUMED (MED-27), with a copy to CNO (N931).

(6) Coordinate the movement of MMART personnel and materiel via the time phased forces deployment data (TPFDD) and chain of command.

(7) Provide requisite logistic and non-medical equipment support necessary for mission accomplishment.

(8) Ensure supplies procured through normal supply channels if a MMART block requires additional medical materials.

(9) Exercise operational control of assigned MMART assets unless otherwise directed.

e. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (MED-02)

(1) Serve as the major claimant and centrally manage the MMART Program.

(2) Task supporting commands to provide MMART support as directed by CNO (N931).

(3) Maintain MMART teams in a state of operational readiness.

(4) Ensure MMART team leaders forward a PDC after each deployment. Review the PDC and disseminate information provided in critiques to appropriate commands.

(5) Maintain an up-to-date MMART Manual delineating program management guidance, training requirements, and reporting criteria for BUMED activities with MMART assets.

f. Naval Medical Logistics Command (NAVMEDLOGCOM)

(1) Perform duties as program manager for the administration and management of the MMART Supply Block Program. Program management includes the programming, budgeting, acquisition, and delivery of required medical materiel packages.

(2) Maintain a robust listing of state of the art and sustainable medical materiel supply blocks.

(3) Convene a configuration review of supply blocks with team members and respective clinical subject matter experts to periodically validate and modernize the configurations. Initial configurations should be modeled using Joint Readiness Clinical Advisory Board (JRCAB) Task Time Treater File data and the Deployable Medical Systems (DEPMEDS) database.

(4) Determine the strategic acquisition plan to support supply block builds. These acquisition plans will include Prime Vendor Surge, Vendor Managed Inventory, Corporate Exigency Contracts, Stock Rotation Contracts, Equipment Leasing Plans, and other strategies that support readiness requirements.

(5) Establish mechanisms to manage redeployment and reconstitution of MMART supply block(s) upon conclusion of the team's mission objectives.

8. Action. All activities sponsoring or requesting MMART support will comply with the policy and guidance contained in this instruction.

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